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SUBJECT: CHRISTINE KEELER
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This memorandum summarizes data contained in an article appearing in today's issue of the "New York Journal American" entitled "V-Girls AT UN-Held U. S. Security Risk." (This article is attached)

This article makes reference to the fact that international call girls are operating in and out of the United States and are having dates with United Nation officials here and highly-placed diplomats abroad which poses a threat for the security of the United States. The article makes reference to the Harry Alan Towers case. Towers, a former British TV producer, was arrested on 3-3-61 by the New York City Police Department along with Maria Novotny and both were held on prostitution charges. On 3-7-61, a Federal complaint was filed against Towers charging him with violation of the White Slave Traffic Act. Towers jumped \$5,000 Federal bail and \$5,000 New York City bail in latter April and subsequently entered Iron Curtain countries, presently residing in Czechoslovakia. Novotny also departed the U. S. We were not derelict in our duties when Novotny and Towers fled. We had no reason to surveil them. The article attempts to imply that some prostitutes well known around the UN have traveled in the same set with Christine Keeler who enjoyed the patronage of Britain's ex-war minister, John Profumo and Soviet Naval Attache Yevgeni Ivanov and, therefore, could be engaged in intelligence activities. It cites activities of an unnamed Hungarian girl who allegedly had given a recording to an unnamed "globe-trotting Russian." She claims it was an innocent message to her mother; however, an unnamed Immigration investigator conjectured that the message may have been one of an espionage nature. The article contains no positive instance of espionage and does not criticize the FBI in any manner.

Our files and data available fail to indicate any evidence that Towers or Novotny were engaged in any espionage activity. We will continue to analyze articles in the above newspaper, review our files on any charges or names mentioned therein and keep you informed.

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For the information of the Director.

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V-Girls at UN Held U.S. Security Risk

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A ring of international call girls operating in and out of the United Nations here is posing a threat to the security of the United States, an investigation by the N. Y. Journal-American disclosed today.

Information unearthed by these reporters and verified in many respects by government agencies reveals:

• A Hungarian party girl who lived on E. 56th st. made a recording delivered behind the Iron Curtain by a globe-trotting Russian. Questioned by intelligence agents she insisted the recording was merely a message to my mother assuring her I'm all right — an explanation considered "most unsatisfactory."

• Former British TV producer Harry Alan Towers, fugitive from a 1961 Federal indictment here, describing him

as a procurer, has emerged as far more sinister. Towers has gained refuge behind the Iron Curtain and reportedly has traveled to Peking and Moscow. He is in Czechoslovakia at the present time.

• A European call girl, considered "a regular" in UN social circles, travels to Berne, Switzerland, twice a year and is given \$10,000 in American currency by "a contact" who meets her there each time. She has told immigration investigators the cache is spending money from family members who became wealthy from foreign investments.

• A Peruvian girl, formerly a clerical worker at the UN, is now a call girl with a clientele composed almost exclusively of foreign delegates. She is presently residing in an expensive East Side apartment only three blocks from the UN and was convicted recently of trying to steal a mink coat from a Midtown department store.

• Files of at least two Federal Agencies contain evidence of diplomatic hi-jinks on both sides of the Atlantic with V-girls well known around the UN who operate as a ring by providing "referrals" to one another.

• Some of these girls have traveled in the same set with Christine Keeler, who enjoyed the patronage of Britain's ex-war minister John Profumo and Soviet naval attache Yuriy Ivanov simultaneously.

Their freedom of movement, often in the company of immunity-cloaked diplomats, has become "a source of grave concern" to officials of the FBI, the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the CIA.

CASE IN POINT

The story uncovered by this newspaper about the Hungarian call girl who had a Russian acquaintance carry a recording behind the Iron Curtain is a case in point of what worries intelligence officials.

They had known about the activities of this girl and had already questioned her about the recording she had given to the Russian. She denied the recording was anything more than a personal message to members of her family.

One immigration investigator said:

"Who knows what was on that recording? Even if it was an innocent message to her mother, the potential of espionage is shocking."

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One of the most intriguing cases confronting intelligence officials is the flight of Harry Alan Towers behind the Iron Curtain.

When he was arrested in Manhattan in 1961 and accused of living off the proceeds of call girl Maria Novotny, a British visitor here, he was considered strictly an international procurer.

Even when it was learned that Towers had gone to Copenhagen, Denmark, where he had given an interview to a reporter for the London News of the World, there was no official concern that he was other than a procurer.

However, when intelligence

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The Washington Daily News _____
The Evening Star _____
New York Herald Tribune _____
New York Journal-American 1 _____
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Officials learned he went from Copenhagen to Moscow and Peking and then to Prague, Czechoslovakia, the Manhattan vice case was viewed in an entirely different light.

"We had to take a second look at his New York vice operations," one Justice Dept. official said in view of his apparent Commie connections.

"But there was no way we could find out. Towers was untouchable behind the Iron Curtain."

The newspaper also learned that Towers' girl, Maria Novotny had fled from the United States before it became known that Towers was a welcome guest in the Communist world.

BACK TO ENGLAND

She returned to her native England while on probation here after admitting to federal agents that she was a call girl for Towers.

It was a simple departure. She merely walked aboard the Queen Mary as a visitor under a fictitious name. In her purse was a ticket to England bearing her legal name.

The ship sailed and she remained aboard. When the Queen Mary was out of New York harbor, Maria Novotny pulled her ticket from her purse and claimed her cabin space.

"As a British subject, she could stay aboard and land. We didn't know about it until English papers carried stories about her return to England," a Justice Dept. official admitted.

"But once she was home, there wasn't much that could be done about it."

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(CALL GIRLS)

NEW YORK--FILES OF AT LEAST TWO FEDERAL AGENCIES CONTAIN EVIDENCE THAT A RING OF INTERNATIONAL CALL GIRLS, SOME WHO HAVE TRAVELLED IN THE CHRISTINE KEELER "SET," ARE OPERATING "IN AND OUT OF" THE UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS HERE, THE NEW YORK JOURNAL-AMERICAN REPORTED TODAY.

THE NEWSPAPER SAID IN A COPYRIGHTED STORY THAT THE RING POSES A THREAT TO THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES AND HAS BECOME "A SOURCE OF GRAVE CONCERN" TO OFFICIALS OF THE FBI, THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA), AND THE FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE.

THE JOURNAL-AMERICAN SAID THE GIRLS MOVE EASILY BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES, "OFTEN IN THE COMPANY OF IMMUNITY-CLOAKED DIPLOMATS." IT DESCRIBED A EUROPEAN CALL GIRL "CONSIDERED A REGULAR IN U.N. SOCIAL CIRCLES" WHO TRAVELS TO BERNE, SWITZERLAND, TWICE A YEAR AND IS GIVEN \$10,000 IN AMERICAN CURRENCY BY "A CONTACT" WHO MEETS HERE THERE EACH TIME.

"SHE HAS TOLD IMMIGRATION INVESTIGATORS THE CACHE IS 'SPENDING MONEY' FROM FAMILY MEMBERS WHO BECAME WEALTHY FROM FOREIGN INVESTMENTS," THE NEWSPAPER SAID.

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